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The U.S. Consulate General in Hermosillo would like to alert U.S. citizens residing and traveling in Sinaloa, Mexico that Category 3 Hurricane Odile is heading towards Baja California Sur with expected landfall around 12:00 AM Midnight tonight. Hurricane Odile is roughly 145 km south-southeast of the southern tip of Baja California and the movement is to the north-northeast at 16 km/hr with expected landfall in the Baja Peninsula late tonight and early Monday. Swells from Hurricane Odile will affect portions of the southwestern coast of Mexico during the next couple of days, including southern Sinaloa. These swells are likely to cause life-threatening surf. Odile has a large wind field, with tropical storm-force winds extending out almost 200 miles from the center, and hurricane-force winds at least 50 miles from the center. The current winds are 205 km/hr and the gusts in southern Sinaloa are expected to reach 65 km/hr. Because of this, local authorities in Sinaloa decided Sunday afternoon, September 14, to maintain a civil alert level of "Orange".

The U.S. National Weather Service (NWS) is following this storm. Please visit NWS's website<<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/?EPAC#ODILE>> , Mexico Meteorological Service<[http://smn.cna.gob.mx/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=60&Itemid=63](http://smn.cna.gob.mx/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=60&Itemid=63)> (<http://tinyurl.com/ms57vdx>) or Protección Civil <[http://www.proteccioncivil.gob.mx/en/ProteccionCivil/Baja\\_California\\_Sur1](http://www.proteccioncivil.gob.mx/en/ProteccionCivil/Baja_California_Sur1)> for updates and to follow the storm's path.

The Mexican Weather service is calling for 2-5 inches of rain for southern Sinaloa with up to 10 inches expected in isolated areas. Residents should expect flooding in low lying areas and possible flash flooding in mountainous regions.

Tidal surges along the Sea of Cortez from Mazatlan to Cabo will be expected at 4-10 meters. Heavy rain has already started. The port of Mazatlan is closed to small vessels to include shrimp boats and all sport fishing boats. Mexican Navy vessels are patrolling the harbor and all sport boats have been asked to go to nearby marinas in Topolobampo and Guaymas.

Protección Civil of Mazatlan predicts heavy rain and strong winds as the hurricane passes across the southern portion of Baja California Sur.

As of 4:30 p.m. Sunday, the Mazatlan airport was open, but delays have been reported. U.S. citizens expecting to depart via the Mazatlan airport on Sunday or Monday are advised to contact their airline ahead of time to determine flight availability.

The U.S. Embassy in Mexico City and U.S. Consulate General Hermosillo will continue to monitor Hurricane Odile's track, and will issue updated messages as necessary. U.S. citizens are urged to locate shelter, monitor media reports, and follow all official instructions. U.S. citizens should carry their travel documents at all time (i.e. U.S. Passport, Birth Certificate, picture ID's, etc.) or secure them in safe, waterproof locations. We also suggest that U.S. citizens contact friends and family in the United States with updates about their whereabouts.

Additional information on hurricanes and storm preparedness may be found on our "**Hurricane Season-Know Before You Go**" webpage, and on the "**Natural Disasters**" page of the Bureau of Consular Affairs website. Updated information on travel in Mexico may be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States and Canada, or from overseas, 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 am to 8:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

U.S. citizens residing and traveling abroad should review the Department's Worldwide Caution and other travel information when making decisions concerning their travel plans and activities while abroad. U.S. citizens are encouraged to enroll in the **Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)**. U.S. citizens without internet access may enroll directly at the nearest U.S. Embassy or U.S. Consulate. By enrolling, U.S. citizens make it easier for the embassy/consulates to contact them in case of emergency.

The U.S. Consulate in Hermosillo is located at Calle Monterrey #141 Poniente, Hermosillo, Sonora Mexico, and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, telephone (662) 289-3500. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, the emergency number for the Consulate is 662 256-0741; E-mail: [HermoACS@state.gov](mailto:HermoACS@state.gov)